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### FIRM INSTRUMENTAL IN SANTEE SIOUX CASINO SUCCESS

On February 11, 2011, the Santee Sioux Nation hosted a 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the Ohiya Casino and Bingo located in Santee in northeast Nebraska. Despite 20 years of battles with the federal government and the State of Nebraska, both before the opening and after, the casino doors are still open and the casino is going strong.



*Thelma Thomas, Casino  
General Manager and  
Attorney Conly Schulte*

The Tribe's fortitude was assisted by the efforts of Tribal Attorney Conly Schulte. Schulte is a partner with the law firm of Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, a national firm representing Native American tribes and organizations throughout the United States. Schulte was honored at the celebration along with several other dignitaries who had been instrumental in fighting alongside the Tribe.

The Tribe's success is in direct defiance of the U. S. Department of Justice and the State of Nebraska who both did everything they could from imposing \$6,000 daily fines to threatening the Tribal Council with jail time to stop the casino operation. The government went to court and eventually lost, pushing it all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court who refused to hear the case.



*Honored Guests at the event,  
including Attorney Conly Schulte,  
Winnebago Tribal Chairman John  
Blackhawk and Santee Sioux Tribal  
Chairman Roger Trudell.*

For more information on the Santee Sioux's celebration, please click on the link below:

<http://64.38.12.138/IndianGaming/2011/023302.asp>